You’re Halfway There!

Time flies when you’re having fun, doesn’t it? Congratulations to you to making it halfway through your first semester! How are you feeling? There are a few big things coming up for you to know about! Perhaps the most prominent would be Advising Day. Now is the time to start thinking about what classes you want to take next semester. It’s important to make sure you have a plan, not only for next semester, but for the rest of your time here! As you move into your major courses, certain courses may be offered only during the Fall or Spring semesters. We’ve heard horror stories of students having to stay another semester because they were not aware of this fact. We don’t want you to be one of them! Have a plan for your next three years, and discuss it with your advisor. If you’ve had to drop a class, or need to change your major, make sure you bring this up with your advisor as well. Just like you, we want to make sure you graduate on time! While it’s important to have fun and make the most of your experience while you’re here, it’s equally important to graduate on time!

THINGS TO KNOW

Fifth-Week Grades
Have you logged into MyCat to check your fifth-week grades? We hope you’re happy with them, but if not, that’s why they’re called fifth-week grades; they’re designed to give you plenty of time to improve your performance! Keep in mind that doing poorly on one test in a class is never a predictor of you failing that particular course. Still, we can connect you to people who are eager to help you with your academics. Come see us if we can help!

Sophomore September Success Recognition Event
We’d like to extend a special congratulations to our sophomores who made the Dean’s List last semester! It’s a big accomplishment, and one to be proud of. We took time to recognize these sophomores at our Sophomore September Success Recognition event this past Monday (September 30th). Interim Provost Dr. Beth Tyson Lofquist was on hand to

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrate Your Major Day
Note: This event has been rescheduled to serve you better!

Have you declared a major yet? It’s time to be proud of it! Just what would a mathematician, biologist, or anthropologist wear? Well, decide for yourself, and dress up for your own major on Wednesday, October 16th (plus, you might make your professor proud too!). Haven’t declared one yet? That’s why we’re hosting an undecided majors fair on the same day from 12-2 in the UC Grandroom! All WCU departments will be represented, so come learn more about what potential majors exist here at WCU. And if you have absolutely no idea what to major in, Career Services and the Advising Center will be on hand to offer you guidance. See you Oct 16th!

Transfer Student Dinner
Be sure to join us for our next transfer student dinner on Wednesday,
distribute certificates and lapel pins to these outstanding students. Didn’t make the Dean’s List this semester? That’s okay! We have resources you can utilize to help you get there!

Our Department of the Month
A popular question we’ve gotten lately is, “How can I get a job here?” That’s certainly understandable; who wouldn’t want to make some extra money while they’re here? We have good news for you! You can now find a listing of on-campus and local jobs at this link. If you’re having trouble finding a job, stop by our department of the month, the Career Services office. They can help you critique your resume, polish your interview skills, and so much more! They are located on the 2nd floor of the Killian Annex (OneStop). Stop by and see them sometime!

Scholarship Opportunities
Speaking of money while you’re in school, have you considered applying for a scholarship? Better yet, did you know that Western has over 300 scholarships available to you? Plus, not all of them are based on academic standing; some are need-based, while others just require a simple application! A full list can be found here. Start applying and earn some extra money while you’re here at WCU!

Intercultural Affairs Survey
Intercultural Affairs wants to hear from you! In conjunction with the Red Zone campaign, they are surveying WCU students about their victimization experiences on campus. Knowledge is power and the more clarity they have about the scope of the issue, the better prepared they are to help. These results should help inform policies that will assist in making campus and the surrounding community a safer place. You can take the survey here!

Discipline Talks
Please Note: Our Business Discipline Talk originally scheduled for this Wednesday (Oct 2nd) has been postponed.

Have you ever wondered what opportunities await for you when you graduate? If you’re a business, construction management, education, or political science major, we’re here to help you find out! Our discipline talk speaker series will connect you with a successful WCU alum in your field who can tell you how to achieve success while you’re in school, and beyond graduation. Stay tuned for more information!

Football!
Ah, football season is in the air! You’ve been to a WCU football game this season, right? It’s as easy as going here, printing off a free ticket to the game, and sitting in the student section to cheer on the Cats! Plus, Student Affairs has a tailgating area set-up just for you! Join us in the field house lot 3 ½ hours prior to kickoff for each home game for free food, fun, and games! Football season will be over with before you know it. Don’t miss out on all the fun!

Looking for Things To Do?
You may think there’s not much to do in Cullowhee. Think again! Check out the student life calendar to see what’s in store for you. The university center also puts on events for you. And if that’s not enough, check out WCU’s main calendar to see what else is going on around campus. There’s plenty to keep you busy!

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